

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 7-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,661,965 to Yamamoto, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,564,002 to Murakami, et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, now recites, *inter alia*:

“...fast access means for detecting a marker and a corresponding stamp picture recorded on said tape-shaped

recording medium by a fast access to said tape-shaped recording medium...

...data registering means for registering said material data and the corresponding stamp pictures, read out from said tape-shaped recording medium according to a detection of said marker and the corresponding stamp pictures by said fast access means, onto a particular file;

data display means for displaying said material data and the stamp pictures registered on said particular file...”
(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,661,965 to Yamamoto, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Yamamoto”) relates to an editing apparatus and method that when applied to an editing system using an information processing apparatus makes possible execution of various aspects of editing.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,564,002 to Murakami, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Murakami”) relates to an editing system and method.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Yamamoto or Murakami, taken alone or in combination, that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of amended independent claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that both Yamamoto and Murakami fail to disclose or suggest fast access means for detecting a marker and a corresponding stamp picture recorded on said tape-shaped recording medium by a fast access to said tape-shaped recording medium, data registering means for registering said material data and the corresponding stamp pictures, read out from said tape-shaped recording medium according to a detection of said marker and the corresponding stamp pictures by said fast access means, onto a particular file, and data display means for displaying said material data and the stamp pictures registered on said particular file, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable

For reasons similar to those described above, amended independent claim 4 is believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

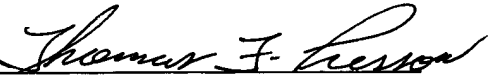
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate the portion, or portions, of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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